

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I do not see how the "public interest" is served when a clearly biased and slanted documentary is allowed to interrupt normal programming and run before the elections, without any opposing viewpoint being shown in the interest of balance. When large companies control the airwaves we get more of what's good for their agendas, and less of what is fair and necessary for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.